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## **NEW JERSEY COMPANY CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED VIOLATION OF IRANIAN EMBARGO**

PHILADELPHIA, PA. -- William Reid, the Special Agent-in-Charge for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Philadelphia, and Patrick L. Meehan, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, today announced that a company located in Swedesboro, New Jersey, has been charged with attempted violation of the Presidential embargo on Iran in a criminal information filed on Friday.

The information alleges that Nozzle Manufacturing Company, doing business as "Monarch Nozzle," attempted to export \$11,000 worth of oil burner nozzles from the United States to a customer in Karlsruhe, Germany, on October 29, 1999. The information further alleges that Nozzle Manufacturing Company knew that the customer would then transship the oil burner nozzles to Iran, without first having obtained the required authorization from the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control.

The case was investigated by ICE agents and agents from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Export Enforcement. The investigation began in 1999 after U.S. border inspectors seized several oil burning nozzles that were being shipped to Germany. The case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher R. Hall for prosecution.

If convicted, Nozzle Manufacturing Company faces five years probation, a fine of no more than \$50,000 or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the offense, and a \$400 special assessment. Nozzle Manufacturing Company may also be subject to the denial of exporting privileges for a period of up to ten years. Finally, forfeiture of all proceeds from the customs violation may be ordered.

An indictment or information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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